



ART SHOW BACKERS . . . Making plans for the Torrance Art Show which will open at the municipal plunge Sunday are (left to right) Dr. A. J. Scheider, Mrs. Roy Seidler, Mrs. Leland Cummings, and Mrs. Ralph Rollins. Art works of local hobbyists and serious painters will be on display during the week-long exhibit. (Herald Photo)

## Torrance Artists to Display Work Beginning Here Sunday

Art exhibits have been held in many places, but the walls of the Torrance Municipal Plunge Shelter-House, at 3331 Torrance Blvd., in Torrance, is certainly one of the most unique.

Its large, well-lit rooms, and clean-cut contemporary lines lends itself very well to the viewing of art work. Visitors of the past two exhibits held there by the Torrance Art Group can testify to that. The Second Annual Member Show, "Art As We See It," opens on Sunday, March 9, 2 to 5 p.m.

An unusual feature of the exhibition is the division of the work into three categories by the members themselves:

### Locally-Built Rig Used for Deep Drilling

Many interesting features are included in the Dixilyn Drilling Corp.'s new mobile offshore drilling platform, the "Julie Ann," manufactured at the National Supply Co. plant in Torrance.

Intended to operate in water over 100 feet deep and to drill to depth exceeding 25,000 feet, it can drill as many as six holes from a single location. The platform is of a tripod design, supported on three 175-foot legs which can be raised above the hull when the platform is towed to a new location.

The platform was designed and built by R. G. LeTourneau, Inc.

Drilling is with a National Supply Type 1625-DE Rig, using two National G-1000-B Slush Pumps. A National C-350 Slush Pump is provided for mud mixing and auxiliary purposes.

### NATIONAL SUPPLY SET TO MERGE WITH ARMCO

R. L. Gray, president of Armco Steel Corp., and A. W. McKinney, president of The National Supply Co., announced today that a joint plan and agreement of merger between Armco and National Supply has been executed. The proposed merger of National Supply into Armco will be submitted to stockholders of both companies at meetings to be held April 16 and 17, respectively.

The plan provides for the transfer of National Supply's assets to a new subsidiary prior to the merger, after which the business of National Supply will be conducted in that name with substantially the same personnel.

"just for fun," "transitional," and "experienced." Art Group members work on different levels, and the exhibition separation allows the hobbyist, and the more mature artist to exhibit together without competing. Artists will have brief statements of their views on art displayed at the same time.

Monday, March 10, at 8 p.m., Bob McMahon, South Bay area artist, will give a gallery talk on the exhibit to which the public is especially invited to attend. His background includes an M.A. degree from the State University of Iowa. He has exhibited widely both in the East and locally. At present, McMahon is Discussion Leader of a course entitled "Looking At Modern Painting," given at UCLA Extension Division in Manhattan Beach.

Much of the work on display will be for sale, and the viewers will be able to bid by "Silent Auction" on those things they are interested in owning.

#### Show Schedules

Schedule for the exhibition is as follows:

Sunday, March 9, 2-5 p.m., opening reception.

Monday, March 10, 8-10 p.m., gallery talk at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 8-10 p.m. Closed Wednesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 13.

Friday, March 14, 8-10 p.m., art films at 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 15, 2-5 p.m., repeat of art films at 2 p.m. Etchings in Copper demonstration by Lillian Baker.

Sunday, March 16, 2-5 p.m., closing reception.

President of the Torrance Art Group is Mrs. Roy Seidler, and the exhibition chairman, Dr. Arthur Schneider, heads the committee which includes Lillian Baker, Joyce Fairchild,

Bettie Seidler, Mary White, Bob Neathery, and Mark White. Vickie Feldon and Ralph Rollins handle the publicity.

### North American Efficiency Cited By AIM Audit

North American Aviation, Inc., has been cited by the American Institute of Management for "production efficiency" and for being "the best managed manufacturer of military aircraft" in a management audit which the AIM prepares for its 15,000 supporting members.

The citation stated that "North American Aviation, Inc., while owned by typical American investors, is almost as much in the service of the American people as a segment of the armed forces," and pointed out that "the company rated extremely high (8825 of a possible 10,000) in production efficiency perhaps because, or in spite of the fact that it has produced more airplanes than any other company in the world."

Production efficiency, the report said, more than anything else helped North American attain the accolade of "best managed manufacturer of military aircraft." The AIM survey further pointed out that:

"A major reason for this efficiency is a form of production breakdown, pioneered by North American and now used by others in the industry, which enables the complex and ever-changing military planes to reach as much as possible the streamlined production associated with Detroit's auto assembly lines.

"This was accomplished despite the fact that minor modifications take place in design every 25 to 50 aircraft and are carried forward even as far as advanced fighter fields to keep aircraft as up-to-date as possible.

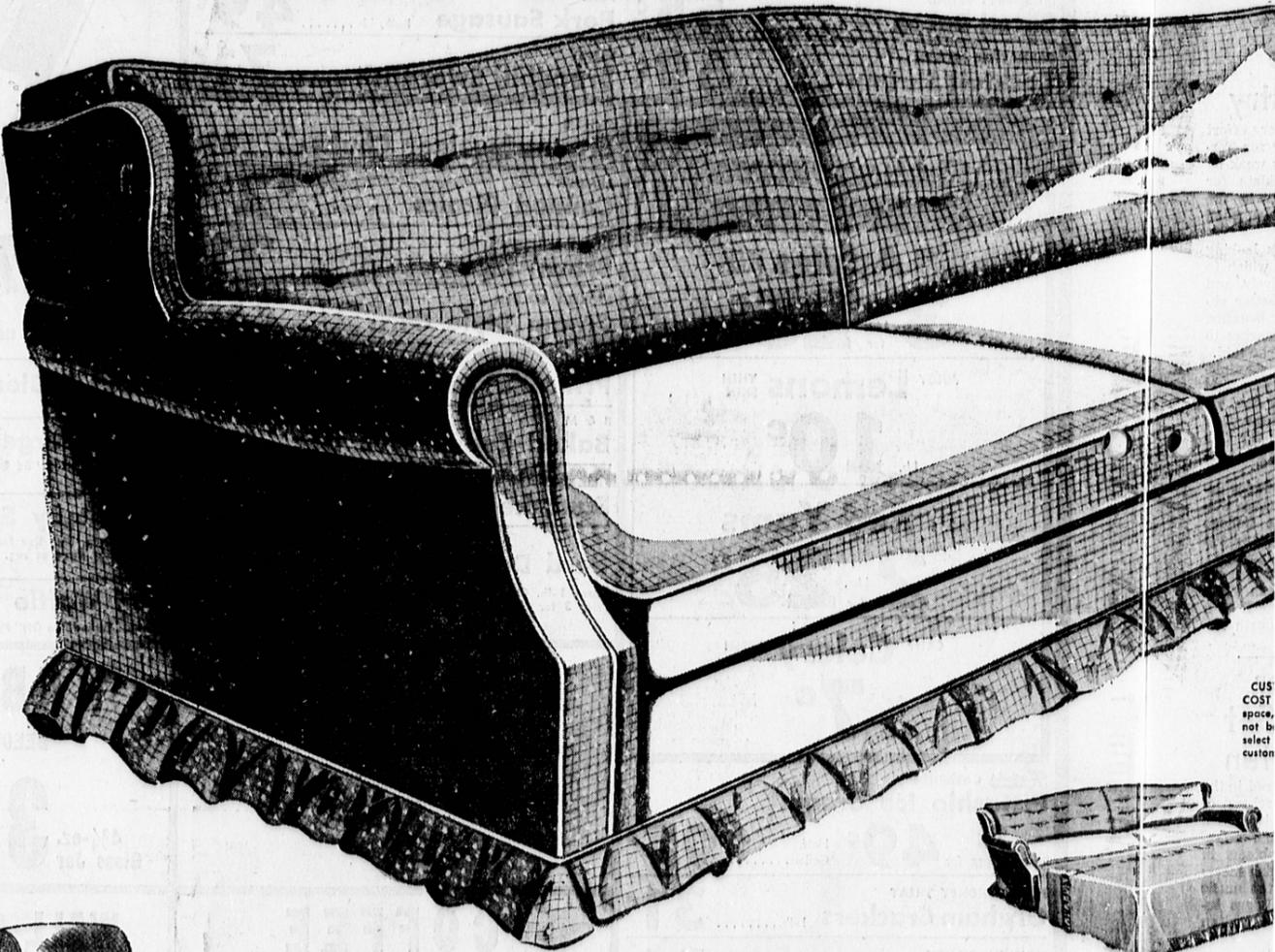
"AIM called it a "race for technological advances that would be the despair of the average manufacturer of consumer goods."

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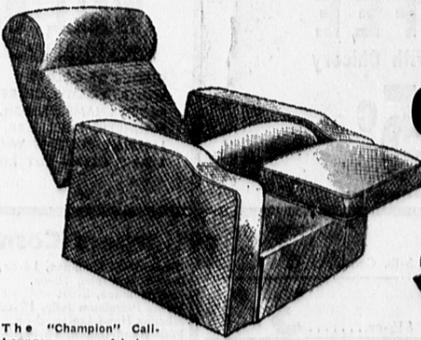
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